

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

No. 03-3233

United States of America,

Appellee,

v.

Duane Wendall Larson,

Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States
District Court for the
District of Minnesota

[UNPUBLISHED]

Submitted: May 26, 2004

Filed: June 8, 2004

Before BYE, McMILLIAN, and RILEY, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Duane Larson appeals from the final judgment entered in the District Court¹ for the District of Minnesota denying his motion for a writ of mandamus. For reversal, Larson argues that the district court erred in finding res judicata barred his claim that the government breached its plea agreement with him in a tax-evasion prosecution against him, see Larson v. United States, 835 F.2d 169, 171 (8th Cir. 1987), cert. denied, 486 U.S. 1056 (1988), by later seizing money from two of his bank accounts, see Larson v. United States, 274 F.3d 643, 644 (1st Cir. 2001). Although the

¹The Honorable David S. Doty, United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

government ultimately returned the seized money, see id., Larson sought “lost imputed interest costs.” For the reasons discussed below, we affirm the judgment of the district court.

Specifically, we agree with the district court that Larson’s action is barred by res judicata, as his breach-of-contract claim was denied by the Court of Federal Claims, and the First Circuit Court of Appeals found that he was not entitled to recover interest on the seized money. See id. at 645-48; Lundquist v. Rice Mem’l Hosp., 238 F.3d 975, 977 (8th Cir. 2001) (per curiam) (elements of res judicata). To the extent Larson seeks relief under the Fourth Amendment unrelated to the recovery of lost interest, such relief is not appropriately sought by motion for a writ of mandamus in his criminal tax-evasion case. Finally, we reject Larson’s argument that he is entitled to costs and fees, because he is not the prevailing party in this litigation. See 28 U.S.C. § 2412; Fed. R. Civ. P. 54(d).

Accordingly, we affirm the judgment of the district court.
